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SDNG appoints new state command chief warrant officer

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard announced Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler, of Rapid City, as the new state command chief warrant officer.

A change of responsibility ceremony was held between Dressler and the outgoing command chief, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lonny Hofer, in Pierre, Feb. 4.

Dressler becomes the seventh state command chief warrant officer for the SDARNG since the position was established in 1999.

“It is exciting and very humbling to be selected as the seventh command chief warrant officer for the South Dakota Army National Guard,” said Dressler. “I look forward to working with all levels of leadership to ensure that commanders have knowledgeable, trained and deployable warrant officers in their formations to support the state and federal missions.”

Hofer served in the position since May 2015 and retired with more than 42 years of military service.

“I would like to thank Chief Hofer for his mentorship, leadership and most importantly his friendship,” said Dressler. “He is truly one of the finest and most professional warrant officers in the United States Army National Guard. I wish him well in his retirement.”

As the state command chief, Dressler will serve as the senior warrant officer advisor to the adjutant general of the SDNG. He will serve under the direction of the adjutant general to address warrant officer development and strength management of the Warrant Officer Cohort.

Dressler will be responsible for keeping the adjutant general informed and make recommendations in matters of warrant officer recruiting, morale, welfare, schooling, promotion and retention. He will also oversee a Warrant Officer Advisory Committee and serve as the spokesperson to advise the adjutant general and the chain of command on warrant officer management.

Dressler began his military service in January 1984 when he enlisted in the SDARNG with the 854th Engineer Company in Wagner. He spent the next 12 years in numerous enlisted positions with the 854th, 1007th Quartermaster Company, 211th Engineer Company, 88th Troop Command and State Area Command Headquarters – attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

He received his appointment as a warrant officer in September 1995. Throughout his career, Dressler served in positions such as officer and enlisted personnel manager, force integration/readiness officer and active guard/reserve manager with Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City.

Dressler deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

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Dressler has been employed by the SDARNG for 28 years and currently works in the human resource office as the AGR manager for Joint Force Headquarters.

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Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler: (U.S. Army National Guard photo file photo)



170204-Z-GT719-015: U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler, right, incoming state command chief warrant officer for the South Dakota Army National Guard, receives the ceremonial saber from Brig. Gen. Kevin Griesse, assistant adjutant general of the SDARNG, during a change of responsibility ceremony in Pierre, S.D., Feb. 4, 2017. Dressler will serve under the direction of the adjutant general to address warrant officer development and strength management in the state. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee)



170204-Z-GT719-029: U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler addresses the audience after becoming the South Dakota Army National Guard's seventh state command chief warrant officer during a change of responsibility ceremony in Pierre, S.D., Feb. 4, 2017. Dressler will serve under the direction of the adjutant general to address warrant officer development and strength management in the state. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee)



170204-Z-GT719-021: U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lonny Hofer, right, outgoing state command chief warrant officer for the South Dakota Army National Guard, is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Kevin Griesse, assistant adjutant general of the SDARNG, during a change of responsibility ceremony in Pierre, S.D., Feb. 4, 2017. Hofer retired from the SDARNG with over 42 years of military service. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee)

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